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The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN :—" I have here given the extent to which they are prohibited from participating in meetings and demonstrations, etc. The hon. Member may draw his own inference."

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Supply of manure leaves in South Kanara on payment of the seigniorage fee.

* 491 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the concessions in the reserved forests in South Kanara were first given to the ryots;

(*b*) whether before the grant of the concessions which have now been withdrawn in several reserves, the ryots were being allowed to remove manure leaves on payment of seigniorage; and

(*c*) whether the concession of removal of leaves on payment has been restored after the withdrawal of free-removal concession?

A.—(*a*) In 1922.

(*b*) Yes; but only in the North Mangalore Forest division.

(*c*) No; but the matter is under the consideration of the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I ask whether, before passing orders withdrawing the concessions in the reserve forest, the Government made any enquiry and found out how long the ryots had been depending on the reserves for manure leaves and whether they could get on with their cultivation without taking manure leaves from the reserve forest? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" As the answer to clause (*a*) shows, the ryots did not have that privilege before 1922."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" Before that, the ryots had been allowed to take manure leaves on payment of seigniorage and therefore it means that all along the ryots have been depending on manure leaves from the reserve forest for their cultivation? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The whole question is under the consideration of the Government."

Scheme for the supply of manure leaves in South Kanara from the reserve forests.

* 492 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have made any enquiry and found out whether the supply of manure leaf from the reserves is necessary to meet the needs of ryots in villages lying in the vicinity of reserves (in South Kanara); and

(*b*) whether the Government have thought of any regulated scheme of manure leaf supply from reserves to villages where cultivation work is suffering on account of the withdrawal of concessions?

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A.—(a) Yes; an enquiry has been made from which it is found that there is a demand for manure leaf from reserves in certain places.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of the local officers.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether the Government is aware that cultivation work, particularly in the case of people living near the coastal reserves, is suffering much on account of the withdrawal of these concessions? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The Government are not aware of that."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I ask whether the answer to clause (a) does not admit that there is demand for manure leaves in certain places? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Yes."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I ask whether the Government will be pleased to expedite the consideration of this matter and see what can be done? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" As far as possible they will do so."

Levy of double fees for grazing cattle in the reserve forests of Alangayam and Odugathur in the North Arcot district.

* 493 Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any mahazar was received by the Collector of North Arcot and the Government from the villagers of Alangayam Pedur, Badakuppam, etc., of Tiruppattur taluk, regarding the hardships in getting their cattle to graze in the forest reserve; if so, what action was taken by the Collector and the Government in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that the District Forest Officer of Vellore, East, has addressed the Conservator of Forests about the iniquity of compelling the said villagers to take out a double permit consequent on the administrative re-division of the ranges into Alangayam and Odugathur;

(c) when this letter was addressed and what steps have been taken to set right this hardship;

(d) whether it is a fact that the original fee for grazing per head was 3 annas and that it was subsequently raised to 8 annas;

(e) whether it is a fact that a large area that was originally unreserved forest was converted into cultivable lands by giving dharkasts; if so, what steps the Government have taken to provide sufficient lands for the convenience of the villagers and their cattle;

(f) what the number of permits issued for the grazing in the villages mentioned in the mahazar from the year 1931 to 1933 is; and

(g) why the system of levy of double permit fees which was discontinued once before has now been re-introduced?